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**AMENDED CLAIMS**  
**37 CFR 1.12(c)(3)**

B<sub>1</sub> 1. (Amended) A hollow building element of plastics material comprising one or more longitudinal ducts and having, at opposite sides thereof, coupling members, whereby elements are connected to each other indirectly, wherein upper coupling members at opposite sides of the element are slidably engageable with cooperating formations of a reinforcing beam between the elements.

B<sub>2</sub> 7. (Amended) A building element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper coupling members for engagement with the reinforcing beam between adjacent elements include an upwardly open channel for drainage purposes.

B<sub>3</sub> 11. (Amended) A building element as in claim 1, wherein one of the building elements and the reinforcing beam has a T-slot and the other a T-section protrusion that is slidably engageable in the T-slot.

B<sub>4</sub> 18. (Amended) A building structure, such as a roof, comprising two or more hollow building elements connected side by side with a reinforcing beam between the elements, the hollow building elements comprising one or more longitudinal ducts and having, at opposite sides thereof, coupling members whereby the elements are connected together, wherein upper coupling members at opposite sides of the element are slidably engageable with cooperating formations of a reinforcing beam between the elements.

19. (Amended) A building structure as claimed in claim 27, wherein the upper coupling members have a downwardly extending part to form a side of a drainage channel.

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25. (New) A building element as claimed in claim 7, wherein the upper coupling members have a downwardly extending part to locate the channel of the reinforcing beam and an upwardly extending part to form a side of the channel.

26. (New) A building structure as claimed in claim 18, wherein one of the building elements and the reinforcing beam has a T-slot and the other a T-section protrusion that is slidably engageable in the T-slot.

27. (New) A building structure as claimed in claim 18, wherein the upper coupling members of the building elements that engage the reinforcing beam include upwardly open channels for drainage purposes.